EPISODE THREE: Warriors Of The Deeps

REPRISE END EPISODE TWO.

INT. SEA BASE FOUR. CORRIDOR INTERSECTION.

TURLOUGH running at speed down a corridor. Nearing an intersection, people appear. TURLOUGH cannons into them and rushes on.

INT. SEA BASE FOUR. AIRLOCK ONE CORRIDOR.

THE DOCTOR and TEGAN backing up towards the airlock.

The MYRKA, some distance away begins to move towards them.

The DOCTOR's eye falls on a discarded weapon. He bends swiftly and picks it up.

TEGAN: That won't do much good!

THE DOCTOR absorbed, studying the weapon as the MYRKA growls, advancing menacingly.

INT. SEA BASE FOUR. BULKHEAD ONE CORRIDOR.

BULIC and the surviving combat MARINES outside the bulkhead.

BULIC: The bulkhead will hold it for now. (to one) You stay here. First sign of break in let me know. I'll be with the Commander.

He moves off with the other MARINES.

INT. SEA BASE FOUR. CORRIDOR/LIFT.

TURLOUGH comes panting up to a lift and dashes inside. A moment and the lift is rising.

INT. SEA BASE FOUR. AIRLOCK ONE CORRIDOR.

The MYRKA advancing, very close now. TEGAN and the DOCTOR move back to a last few paces and find their backs pressed up against the mutilated airlock door.

The DOCTOR fiddling with the magazine cell of the weapon, watching the MYRKA meanwhile.

THE DOCTOR: (tense) Get ready to move Tegan!

TEGAN: (scared) Move where?

THE DOCTOR: Past it if you can. When I say so.

The MYRKA pauses, just out of reach and gathers itself to attack.

INT.SEA BASE FOUR. CORRIDOR. LIFT.

The lift stops and opens. TURLOUGH emerges and is off and running at full speed.

INT. SEA BASE FOUR. AIRLOCK ONE CORRIDOR.

The MYRKA prepares to launch itself at TEGAN and the DOCTOR.

About to spring forward when the DOCTOR suddenly tosses the weapon.

It is caught reflexively by the MYRKA. Immediately the magazine cell begins to heat up.

THE DOCTOR: Watch your eyes Tegan!

The magazine suddenly explodes in a searing vivid flash.

The MYRKA reels back blinded by the intense light.

THE DOCTOR: Now!

The DOCTOR grabs TEGAN and dashes past the MYRKA to the far end of the corridor.

He swiftly examines the bulkhead locks and shakes his head.

THE DOCTOR: No good. We can't get out.

TEGAN looks back to the MYRKA flailing about blindly.

INT. SAE BASE FOUR. CORRIDOR.

TURLOUGH rounding a corner runs up towards the bridge complex. Near the entrance, he pauses to check his weapon and bursts in.

INT. SEA BASE FOUR. BRIDGE COMPLEX.

NILSON near the console whirls to see TURLOUGH, out of breath, in the doorway.

COMBAT MARINE on duty goes to move but TURLOUGH's weapon swings to cover him. Beat.

TURLOUGH: (breathless) The master control to bulkhead One. Where is it?

NILSON stares at him.

INT. SEA BASE FOUR. AIRLOCK FIVE CORRIDOR.

BULIC and two combat MARINES move in through the open bulkhead to join up with VORSHAK, PRESTON and their group. Around the seals of the airlock door the signs of carbonisation have progressed.

VORSHAK: You sealed Bulkhead One?

BULIC: Yes. There was no time to get the Doctor and Tegan out.

Beat.

PRESTON: What are their chances in there?

BULIC: The Myrka killed three of my men. Work it out for yourself.

VORSHAK: (upset) I warned the Doctor...

BULIC: We had no choice Commander. That creature had to be kept out of the base.

INT. SEA BASE FOUR. AIRLOCK ONE CORRIDOR.

The DOCTOR and TEGAN. The MYRKA growling in pain, rubbing its eyes and groping blindly towards them.

TEGAN: What did you do to it?

THE DOCTOR: Nothing. The charge from the Myrka's hands blew up the magazine cell of the weapon.

THE MYRKA pauses and peers ahead.

MYRKA's POV: blurred image of the DOCTOR and TEGAN along the corridor.

TEGAN: You're right, it's recovering.

THE DOCTOR: 'Fraid so.

TEGAN: Any more bright ideas?

THE DOCTOR: None.

The MYRKA begins to advance with deadly purpose.

INT. SEA BASE FROU. BRIDGE COMPLEX.

As before. TURLOUGH covering NILSON and the combat MARINE.

NILSON: The Commander's orders were to keep that bulkhead closed.

TURLOUGH: (tense) I know what his orders were. Now I'm giving you mine. I don't want to use this Nilson. But I will, I promise. (raises weapon) Now open that bulkhead!

INT. SEA BASE FOUR. AIRLOCK ONE CORRIDOR.

The MYRKA draws within range and pauses. The DOCTOR and TEGAN cower back, no escape.

The creature growls, is about to lash out when a sudden hissing noise and the bulkhead steel moves apart.

In a flash TEGAN and the DOCTOR have dived through into the corridor inside.

The combat MARINE on duty moves forward into the entrance, preparing to fire. As he does he's grabbed by the MYRKA, dies, and his limp body is tossed back along the airlock corridor. The bulkhead starts to close fast automatically.

The MYRKA moves forward as the bulkhead closes rapidly.

The MYRKA grabs the edge and strains trying to force it back. A hydraulic pressure noise of protest as the door comes to a stop, leaving a narrow gap.

The MYRKA strains trying to force the gap wider.

TEGAN: Will it hold Doctor?

THE DOCTOR: I hope so. But be ready to run if it doesn't

A beat, then a sudden explosive hissing which jets escaping gasses into the MYRKA's face. It reels back, the door jammed in its partially opened state.

INT. SEA BASE FOUR. AIRLOCK FIVE CORRIDOR.

Smoke wisping away from the seals as they are carbonised by the Silurian device at work inside.

Vorshak's group tensed and ready.

INT. SEA BASE FOUR. BRIDGE COMPLEX.

As before, NILSON reacting to a light flashing on the console.

TURLOUGH: What's wrong?

NILSON: The hydraulic valves have blown.

TURLOUGH: But the bulkhead opened?

NILSON: It opened. But I'm not so sure it closed.

Turns to combat MARINE.

NILSON: Check the situation at Bulkhead One.

Combat MARINE goes.

TURLOUGH thinks and goes. NILSON looks off to the door to the computer bank bay. He moves over.

INT. SEA BASE FOUR. COMPUTER BANK BAY.

MADDOX working on the computer circuits, his hands moving with practised ease. But he's sweating heavily, his breathing laboured.

The door opens and NILSON comes in. He watches MADDOX work for a few moments.

NILSON: Our opportunity to work unhindered may not last long. So hurry Maddox... faster!

MADDOX face beaded with perspiration, his breath coming in ragged gasps.

INT. SEA BASE FOUR. BULKHEAD ONE CORRIDOR.

THE DOCTOR and TEGAN. The MYRKA attacking the bulkhead door.

TEGAN: The door is holding.

THE DOCTOR: For now.

He turns and moves off, TEGAN following.

CAMERA HOLDS ON the bulkhead door. It gives a little. Savage growling as the MYRKA redoubles its efforts.

INT. SEA BASE FOUR. BRIDGE COMPLEX.

NILSON moving along away from the computer bank bay when SOLOW enters.

SOLOW: The escape probe is ready to leave Nilson.

NILSON: Good.

INT. SEA BASE FOUR. CORRIDOR.

The DOCTOR and tegan moving along.

TEGAN: Who do you think opened that door for us Doctor?

THE DOCTOR: Someone foolish enough to risk letting the Myrka into the base.

TEGAN: Who's complaining? It saved our lives (sudden thought) It wasn't Turlough was it?

THE DOCTOR: Who else?

TEGAN: I must say he's going up in my estimation.

THE DOCTOR: Really? I must tell him you said that. Knowing Turlough though I'm not sure he'd consider it a compliment.

Smiles and moves on.

INT. SILURIAN SHIP. MAIN AREA.

ICTHAR and the two COMPANIONS by the console.

1st COMPANION: The Myrka's progress has been halted.

ICTHAR: How?

2nd COMPANION: We did not allow for an inner defensive door Icthar. The Warriors will face a similar obstacle when the force the main entry point.

ICTHAR: The longer we delay the greater the risk outside forces will be alerted. Command the Myrka and Sauvix to greater efforts.

INT. SEA BASE FOUR. AIRLOCK FIVE CORRIDOR.

PRESTON, VORSHAK, BULIC and the combat MARINES, tense and poised for action.

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The black carbonised stain attacking the seals very advanced now.

INT. SEA BASE FOUR. CORRIDOR LIFT.

TURLOUGH emerges from a lift and runs off along the corridor.

INT. SEA BASE FOUR. CORRIDOR.

The DOCTOR and TEGAN moving along. Base Personnel pass on urgent business.

TEGAN: What's going to happen to these people if the Myrka breaks in?

THE DOCTOR: Hopefully we can stop it before it does too much damage.

TEGAN: (stops) How? You said yourself the creature is practically indestructible.

THE DOCTOR: Just about. But we all have our Achilles heel tegan. Including the Myrka. Come on we must find Vorshak.

They move on.

INT. SEA BASE FOUR. BRIDGE COMPLEX.

NILSON and SOLOW, SOLOW nervous.

SOLOW: It's taking much too long Nilson.

NILSON: You're not losing your nerve at this late stage are you Solow?

SOLOW: I'm worried in case Vorshak comes back and finds out what we're doing here.

NILSON: A small risk, considering what is at stake.

INT. SEA BASE FOUR. BULKHEAD ONE CORRIDOR.

Combat MARINE moves up to the door, no sound of the MYRKA.

He moves closer and pauses. A beat, then the door is wrenched suddenly off its axis and hurled aside.

The COMBAT MARINE recoils at the sight of the MYRKA.

Goes to fire, then screams as the creature lashes out and kills him.

INT. SEA BASE FOUR. CORRIDOR.

TURLOUGH running, skids to a halt when he hears the echo of the combat MARINE's scream.

He dodges into a recess. A beat and the MYRKA pads into view It moves past snarling softly.

TURLOUGH emerges and rounds a corner. Ahead the smashed bulkhead One door and the body of the marine.

TURLOUGH goes up to swiftly scan the interior of the airlock One corridor. No sign of the DOCTOR and TEGAN.

TURLOUGH: (relieved) They got out!

Thinks, then moves out.

INT. SILURIAN SHIP. MAIN AREA.

ICTHAR and the COMPANIONS at the console.

1st COMPANION: The Myrka is inside the base.

ICTHAR: Command it to make straight for its objective. And inform Sauvix. It is imperative he gains entry without delay.

INT. SEA BASE FOUR. CORRIDOR.

Base Personnel moving along when a savage snarling heard.

Activity stops. A beat and the MYRKA round a corner.

Panic,shouts, screams, people putting as much distance between themselves and the creature as they can.

INT. SEA BASE FOUR. AIRLOCK FIVE CORRIDOR.

VORSHAK, BULIC, PRESTON and the combat MARINES at battle stations.

A bleep from VORSHAK's communicator.

NILSON's voice: Commander...

VORSHAK: Go ahead Nilson.

NILSON's voice: the creature is in Commander. And rampaging through the base.;

Reactions.

VORSHAK: It got through Bulkhead One? How?

NILSON's VOICE: It had help from the Doctor's companion Turlough. He forced us to open it.

VORSHAK's face hardens.

VORSHAK: Very well Nilson. Sound the alert. I want all non-essential personnel into the bunkers.

Puts communicator away.

VORSHAK: (to BULIC) Get men down there to stop that creature.

BULIC: Difficult Commander. Our weapons are having no effect on it.

VORSHAK: Have them try!

DOCTOR: (OOV) He's right Commander. Your weapons are useless against it.

VORSHAK whirls. The DOCTOR and TEGAN have appeared at the bulkhead.

VORSHAK: You!

INT. SEA BASE FOUR. CORRIDOR.

An alarm bleeping.

Base Personnel fleeing past a couple of combat MARINES in firing position.

A noise at the end of the corridor and the MYRKA appears.

It bears down on the combat MARINES who open fire.

The MYRKA lurches back, then recovers to move forward.

Combat MARINES move back in orderly retreat.

INT. SEA BASE FOUR. AIRLOCK FIVE CORRIDOR.

As before. VORSHAK furious.

VORSHAK: You realise what Turlough has done?

TEGAN: Yes, he saved our lives.

VORSHAK: I ordered that Bulkhead be kept closed! *

THE DOCTOR: The bulkhead wouldn't have kept the Myrka out for long, Commander... if it's any consolation, I might just know how to stop it.

Smiles tentatively at VORSHAK.

INT. SEA BASE FOUR. CORRIDOR.

Two Combat MARINES ushering the last of the non-combatant personnel out of the corridor.

A beat, and a door at the other end smashes open and the MYRKA appears.

The MARINES fire and retreat.

INT. SEA BASE FOUR. AIRLOCK FIVE CORRIDOR.

As before.

VORSHAK: You're welcome to try Doctor. But don't expect help from us. All my people are fully deployed.

PRESTON hears a sound from her scanner and reacts.

PRESTON: Commander. The seals are about to blow!

VORSHAK looks at the airlock seals. They are wreathed in wisping smoke.

INT. SILURIAN SHIP. MAIN AREA.

ICTHAR and the two COMPANIONS by the console.

1st COMPANION: The warriors are about to enter the base Icthar.

ICTHAR: Have Sauvix inform me the moment entry is secured.

INT. SEA BASE FOUR. AIRLOCK FIVE CORRIDOR.

As before. VORSHAK looks away from the disintegrating airlock seals.

THE DOCTOR: I'll need help, Commander. Just one person. Someone in authority who can get things done.

VORSHAK: (Very well) Preston, go with him...and Preston - keep him out of our way.

PRESTON tosses the hand scanner to BULIC and moves to join the DOCTORs group.

VORSHAK: The rest of you... get ready!

BULIC and the others take cover in the recesses, training their weapons on the airlock door.

The DOCTOR's group have just moved out when a hissing screech heard from the airlock and the door opens.

The DOCTOR looks back and reacts: inside SAUVIX and the sea devil warriors.

THE DOCTOR: Sea Devils!

Tense beat, then SAUVIX raises his arm and the WARRIORS spill out.

VORSHAK's men open fire and the battle is on.

INT. SEA BASE FOUR. BULKHEAD FIVE CORRIDOR.

The DOCTOR, TEGAN and PRESTON pause outside the bulkhead. Sounds of firing inside.

PRESTON: Your Silurians Doctor?

THE DOCTOR: Near enough. Sea Devils, a branch of the Silurian race.

PRESTON: I thought you said they preferred to talk?

THE DOCTOR: Those are warriors Preston. The Sea Devil elite. The strong right arm of their Silurian leader. They are programmed to conquer or die.

They move off.

INT. SEA BASE FOUR. AIRLOCK FIVE CORRIDOR.

The battle in progress (the armoured jerkins of the sea devils absorbing most of the sea base fire. Only a direct hit in unprotected areas of their bodies affects them). They are clearly getting the upper hand.

VORSHAK: Back... back behind the bulkhead.

They begin to retreat.

INT. SEA BASE FOUR. CORRIDOR.

TURLOUGH running when he hears the distant sound of the battle.

He hurries on.

INT. SILURIAN SHIP. MAIN AREA.

ICTHAR and the two COMPANIONS.

2nd COMPANION: The warriors have entered.

ICTHAR: And the Myrka?

2nd COMPANION: The monitor records that it is on its way to the target area.

ICTHAR: Excellent. Prepare the manipulator for transfer to the base.

1st COMPANION nods and moves off.

INT. SEA BASE FOUR. AIRLOCK FIVE CORRIDOR.

The battle in progress. Covered by fire, BULIC retreats back through the bulkhead.

Instantly the bulkhead steel slides to sealing in the WARRIORS.

INT. SEA BASE FOUR. BULKHEAD FIVE CORRIDOR.

BULIC: They've got us outgunned Commander.

VORSHAK: I know. Everything depends now on whether that bulkhead can hold them.

INT. SEA BASE FOUR. CORRIDOR INTERSECTION.

The DOCTOR, TEGAN and PRESTON moving up. The DOCTOR stops close to a layout plan of the base fixed to a wall.

THE DOCTOR: Preston... we must know what the Myrka's intentions are... can you find out where it is now?

TEGAN: You mean that thing actually knows what it's doing?

THE DOCTOR: It knows.

TEGAN:. You could have fooled me!

THE DOCTOR: The Myrka is part beast part biological machine. The Silurians have programmed it to do their bidding. We must know where they've instructed it to go. ~~it's headed.~~

PRESTON: Shouln't be difficult. (takes out communicator)

INT. SEA BASE FOUR. AIRLOCK FIVE CORRIDOR.

SAUVIX and the WARRIORS.

Two Sea Devil WARRIORS move up to the bulkhead carrying bulbous nosed devices. They train them on the seals and switch on. ionised air crackles.

INT. SEA BASE FOUR. BULKHEAD FIVE CORRIDOR.

TURLOUGH comes running up to where VORSHAK, BULIC and the combat MARINES are on station outside the bulkhead.

TURLOUGH: (out of breath) The Doctor and Tegan..?

VORSHAK: Safe, thanks to you. you realise I could have you shot for what you did.

TURLOUGH: Sorry Commander. But you left me no choice.

VORSHAK: Never mind. Since you've so fond of that weapon, you can now put it to better use.

TURLOUGH: Sorry...?

VORSHAK: As of now you're volunteering your services in the defence of this base.

TURLOUGH: (alarmed) Me... volunteering?

VORSHAK: That's right.

BULIC: (smile) Welcome aboard.

TURLOUGH gives him a sceptical look.

INT. SEA BASE FOUR. HYDRO TANK AREA.

A door to the hydro tank area bursts open and the MYRKA enters.

Ahead across the walkway two combat MARINES open fire.

One pauses to take out his communicator which has begun to bleep.

INT. SEA BASE FROU. CORRIDOR. INTERSECTION.

The DOCTOR studying the wall plan of the base. TEGAN nearby. PRESTON on the communicator.

PRESTON: All right. Report any change in its movements. And slow it up if you can.

She moves to join the DOCTOR.

PRESTON: It's in the hydro tanks area. (points to map) There. And moving steadily upwards.

THE DOCTOR: As I thought. The Myrka can only be making for one place. (points) Here.

PRESTON: The bridge?

THE DOCTOR: Yes. The Silurians obviously want it secured. You have ultra violet convertors on base I trust?

PRESTON: Yes. In the solarium.

THE DOCTOR: Excellent. I need one Preston. Heavy duty model please. Can you fetch it and meet us here? (points)

PRESTON: Why there?

THE DOCTOR: The Myrka would have to pass through it on the way to the bridge. Not so?

PRESTON: From where it is now yes.

THE DOCTOR: Good. Swiftly please Preston. We haven't much time and there's a lot to do.

He moves off, TEGAN following, PRESTON hurrying off in the opposite direction.

INT. SEA BASE FOUR. BULKHEAD FIVE CORRIDOR.

Smoke wisping away from the seals as they carbonise.

VORSHAK, BULIC and combat MARINES watching.

BULIC: It's not going to hold

VORSHAK: we have no choice. We have to alert HQ to what's happening here.

BULIC: Do that Commander and every enemy listening post will pinpoint our position.

VORSHAK: we'll have to risk it. Our people must know the base may fall into alien hands.

INT. SEA BASE FOUR. AIRLOCK FIVE CORRIDOR.

SAUVIX and the WARRIORS. The two Sea Devils training the bulbous nosed devices on the bulkhead seals which are in advanced decay.

INT. SEA BASE FOUR. CORRIDOR.

The DOCTOR and TEGAN move into the corridor and pause. Ahead PRESTON and two technicians move forward to meet them, the men carrying a bulky ultra violet convertor.

PRESTON: The convertor Doctor, where do you want to set it up?

THE DOCTOR: Will the lighting circuit in here bear maximum convertor load?

PRESTON: Yes.

THE DOCTOR: Then anywhere here will do.

PRESTON nods to the technicians who move over to a panel and set to work connecting up the convertor.

TEGAN: What have you got in mind?

THE DOCTOR: (smile) Just planning to bring a little sunshine into the Myrka's life Tegan.

A look from TEGAN.

INT. SEA BASE FOUR. BULKHEAD FIVE CORRIDOR.

BULIC, VORSHAK, TURLOUGH and the combat MARINES, deployed in the bulkhead corridor.

BULIC looks at the hand scanner and puts it away.

BULIC: There isn't much time Commander. if you're going to signal, you'd better do it now.

VORSHAK: All right. Do what you can here Bulic. And tell Nilson to have Maddox stand by.

VORSHAK goes. Then BULIC takes out his communicator.

BULIC: Nilson...

INT. SEA BASE FOUR. BRIDGE COMPLEX.

NILSON at the console, SOLOW watching.

BULIC's voice: The Commander is on his way up to signal HQ. Have Maddox stand by for synch up.

A look between NILSON and SOLOW.

NILSON: Understood.

Turns away to stare at SOLOW. Thinking.

SOLOW: (tense) What will you do?

NILSON: (hard) Maddox must finish what he's started.

INT. SEA BASE FOUR. SECURITY CORRIDOR.

The DOCTOR, TEGAN and PRESTON. The two technicians connecting up the convertor.

PRESTON: What do you hope to achieve Doctor?

THE DOCTOR: The Myrka is a creature of the inkiest depths Preston. Or was until the Silurians got around to tinkering with its biology. It has little tolerance to light, hopefully none at all, to ultra violet rays.

TEGAN: Can you be sure?

THE DOCTOR: In primeval times it was intense ultra violet which drove the Silurians to take refuge under the sea. It's still an elusive mystery to them. The one flaw I hope we'll find in the Myrka.

INT. SEA BASE FOUR. BRIDGE COMPLEX.

SOLOW and NILSON.

SOLOW: Vorshak is on his way. One look at Maddox and he'll know.

NILSON: We can't deactivate Maddox now... leave it to me Solow. Wait in the escape probe and I'll join you when I can.

SOLOW takes out MADDOX' conditioning tape.

SOLOW: What about this?

NILSON: Our cover here is more or less blown. It doesn't matter if Vorshak discovers its loss or not. It will provide essential knowledge of the procedures they use to condition their synch operators. So take it with you Solow.

~~NILSON~~
SOLOW: Very well. I'll see you in the probe.

He goes.

INT. SILURIAN SHIP. MAIN AREA.

1st COMPANION moves up to join ICTHAR and 2nd COMPANION, carrying a small boxed instrument.

1st COMPANION: The manipulator is ready for transport Icthar.

ICTHAR: (to 2nd COMPANION) Has the Myrka secured its objective yet?

2nd COMPANION: Not yet, but Sauvix is ready to enter the main area of the base.

ICTHAR: Inform him we are on our way.

Turns and moves off.

INT. SEA BASE FOUR. CORRIDOR.

Two Combat MARINES on alert facing a door.

Behind them a lift ascends and stops, unnoticed.

A beat and the doors fly open to reveal the MYRKA.

The Combat MARINES fire and retreat through the door.

INT. SEA BASE FOUR. CORRIDOR.

PRESTON gets a nod from the TECHNICIANS and turns to the DOCTOR.

PRESTON: We're ready here Doctor.

The DOCTOR and TEGAN move to examine the convertor.

PRESTON nods at the TECHNICIANS who pack up their equipment and leave.

INT. SEA BASE FOUR. CORRIDOR.

SOLOW moves along a corridor and rounds a corner.

INT. SEA BASE FOUR. SECURITY CORRIDOR.

SOLOW appears and reacts to the sight of the DOCTOR's group crouched by the convertor.

He moves up and pauses.

PRESTON turns and sees him.

PRESTON: Doctor Solow!

He ignores her and carries on.

PRESTON frowns then puts it out of her mind.

THE DOCTOR: Kill the lights Tegan.

TEGAN presses a switch on the panel and the normal light in the corridor dies.

THE DOCTOR presses a switch on the convertor and a section of the corridor is illuminated with searing ultra violet light.

All avert their eyes. The DOCTOR switches it off, leaving the corridor bathed in eerie half light.

THE DOCTOR: Perfect.

INT. SEA BASE FOUR. BULKHEAD FIVE CORRIDOR.

BULIC, TURLOUGH and the COMBAT MARINES watching the final disintegration of the bulkhead seals.

BULIC: Stand by for entry!

The MARINES take up firing positions.

INT. SEA BASE FOUR. CORRIDOR INTERSECTION.

SOLOW moves up to the intersection and rounds it.

As he does he reacts in terror. Facing him is the MYRKA.

SOLOW backs away, then screams as the MYRKA lashes out and catches him.

He falls back, dead before he hits the ground. As he does, the tape spills out of his pocket.

The MYRKA passes on. HOLD, a beat and two COMBAT MARINES run in view and up to SOLOW's body. One bends to check him. Then spots the tape which he lifts. He reads the identification tape and reacts.

INT. SEA BASE FOUR. AIRLOCK FIVE CORRIDOR.

The two Sea Devil WARRIORS using the bulbous nosed instruments to attack the last section of the bulkhead seals.

SAUVIX and the other WARRIORS watching.

A movement by the airlock and the WARRIORS part to admit ICTHAR and the two COMPANIONS. 1st COMPANION carrying the boxed manipulator.

ICTHAR: Your assessment Sauvix?

SAUVIX: The outcome is certain Icthar. The ape primitives are no match for my warriors. They will be crushed.

INT. SEA BASE FOUR. SECURITY CORRIDOR.

The DOCTOR fiddling with the control of the convertor. TEGAN and PRESTON waiting nearby.

A beat and VORSHAK comes into view. He pauses.

VORSHAK: You have everything you need Doctor?

THE DOCTOR: I think so. The Sea Devils?

VORSHAK: They should be coming through any moment now.

TEGAN: Where's Turlough?

VORSHAK: With Bulic. He... volunteered to help defend the base.

TEGAN: Turlough volunteered?

VORSHAK: (smile) With a litte persuasion... Doctor... I've decided to take your advice. I'm on my way now to signal H.Q.

THE DOCTOR: Very wise Commander. I'm convinced that the Silurian attack has implications beyond the taking of an isolated base.

Sudden sound of footsteps and the two COMBAT MARINES who found SOLOW's body run into view.

1st COMBAT MARINE: It's on its way Sir.

VORSHAK: Where is the Myrka now?

1st COMBAT MARINE: Two corridors back. It killed Doctor Solow... we found this by his body Sir.

Hands VORSHAK the tape. VORSHAK reads the identification tag and reacts strongly.

INT. SEA BASE FOUR. BULKHEAD FIVE CORRIDOR.

The smoke wisps up from the bulkhead seals.

BULIC, TURLOUGH and the MARINES watching tensely.

A beat then a hissing screech and the bulkhead door falls away to open.

The Sea Devils spill out firing weapons.

TURLOUGH, BULIC and the others fire back. Two COMBAT MARINES die.

BULIC waves his men back. A Sea Devil takes aim and is about to fire at him. TURLOUGH sees and snaps off a shot mortally wounding the Sea Devils.

BULIC acknowledges and the Sea Base people fall back in retreat.

INT. SEA BASE FOUR. BRIDGE COMPLEX.

NILSON tensely waiting. He moves to open the door to the computer bank bay.

Inside MADDOX sweating profusely and gasping for breath, works on, circuitry spilling out of the computer banks.

NILSON's face hardens. He raises the bleeper and advances the frequency.

MADDOX moans and near collapses, but his hands begin to move faster.

NILSON: Do not die on me Maddox. Not yet not till you have served your purpose. Now - hurry!

INT. SEA BASE FOUR. CORRIDOR.

As before.

VORSHAK: (hard) You men... link up with Bulic. Preston, come with me.

THE DOCTOR: Something wrong Commander?

VORSHAK: I pray not Doctor. But if this tape has been misused... then we're in serious trouble.

About to move off when communicator bleeps. He takes it out.

BULIC's VOICE: They're in Sir!

VORSHAK: Can you hold them?

INT. SEA BASE FOUR. CORRIDOR.

BULIC's men falling back. TURLOUGH beside him.

BULIC: We can try Commander...

VORSHAK's voice: Do what you can.

BULIC puts away his communicator. A group of Sea Devils run into view at the end of the corridor.

BULIC: (shouts) Back... move back!

He and TURLOUGH fire and retreat.

INT. SEA BASE FOUR. SECURITY CORRIDOR.

As before.

THE DOCTOR: You'd better get that signal off Commander.

VORSHAK: I hope I can.

He moves off rapidly. PRESTON following.

TEGAN: I hope Turlough doesn't do anything stupid. Like getting himself killed.

THE DOCTOR: Turlough has a healthy respect for his own survival I think.

The growling sound of the MYRKA heard approaching.

THE DOCTOR: (smile) Mind you I'm not sure I wouldn't change places with him right now.

The MYRKA's sound again, but nearer.

THE DOCTOR: (contd) Back a bit if you will Tegan.

TEGAN moves back behind the DOCTOR, their eyes going along the corridor to the door which will admit the fast approaching MYRKA.

INT. SEA BASE FOUR. CORRIDOR. INTERSECTION.

SAUVIX and some WARRIORS meet up with ICTHAR and the two COMPANIONS, one carrying the boxed manipulator.

SAUVIX: The attack goes well Icthar. The ape primitives are in full retreat. My warriors are now fanning out to take control of all strategic areas.

ICTHAR: Excellent. We expect the Myrka to take the bridge shortly.

SAUVIX: Then the outcome is certain.

They move off.

INT. SEA BASE FOUR. BRIDGE COMPLEX.

NILSON tense, waiting for MADDOX to finish. A sound and he whirls. VORSHAK, PRESTON and the COMBAT MARINES have entered.

VORSHAK moves up to NILSON his face grim.

He looks at him and tosses the tape down in front of him.

NILSON looks at it, then at VORSHAK, his face feigning astonishment.

NILSON: Maddox's conditioning tape?

VORSHAK: The tape you were ordered to return to the vaults Nilson.

INT. SEA BASE FOUR. CORRIDOR.

THE DOCTOR, TEGAN nearby. Sounds of the MYRKA and the door at the end of the corridor bursts open and the creature emerges.

It sees the DOCTOR and pauses, recognising him.

It growls and begins to advance.

The DOCTOR's hand goes to the switch on the convertor.

INT. SEA BASE FOUR. BRIDGE COMPLEX.

As before.

VORSHAK: Solow was killed by the Myrka. This was beside his body. Now, I want explanations Nilson.

NILSON: I know nothing about this Commander. Solow was instructed to return that tape the moment Maddox' treatment was completed. I assumed he had.

VORSHAK looks at him closely, then walks about.

VORSHAK: [illegible] where's Maddox?

NILSON: (hesitate) Inside, checking the synch circuitry.

VORSHAK: [illegible] Preston, get him in here!

PRESTON nods and moves to open the door to the computer bank bay. NILSON tense and watchful.

She reacts strongly.

PRESTON: (urgent) Commander!

VORSHAK moves over to join her.

Their POV: Inside MADDOX sweating and trembling at work on the circuitry.

VORSHAK: Maddox!

No response from MADDOX.

INT. SEA BASE FOUR. SECURITY CORRIDOR.

The MYRKA approaches the DOCTOR, then it pauses sensing something wrong.

TEGAN: (tense) Now Doctor!

THE DOCTOR: Not yet. We must have it well inside the arc of the beam.

They stare off at the MYRKA, the creature growling softly.

INT. SEA BASE FOUR. HYDRO TANKS AREA.

TURLOUGH, BULIC and three combat MARINES burst into the hydro tank area and move across the walkway.

As they do two SEA DEVILS appear on a gantry above.

A Sea Devil fires. A Combat MARINE is hit and falls.

TURLOUGH aims and fires. The SEA DEVIL is hit and topples off the gantry and into a tank below.

Covered by BULIC and the others, TURLOUGH retreats back out of the hydro tank area.

INT. SEA BASE FOUR. COMPUTER BANK BAY.

VORSHAK moves in to grab MADDOX.

VORSHAK: What are you doing Maddox?

MADDOX moans and smashes him away with superhuman strength.

MADDOX sets to work again with Zombie singlemindedness.

VORSHAK comes back at him, they grapple and again VORSHAK is hurled aside.

INT. SEA BASE FOUR. BRIDGE COMPLEX.

NILSON hears the sounds of struggle inside. He takes out the bleeper and switches it off.

INT. SEA BASE FOUR. COMPUTER BANK BAY.

VORSHAK on the ground is about to rise and tackle MADDOX. Then MADDOX stiffens, sways, his hands to his head, and he topples over, unconscious.

VORSHAK and PRESTON move forward to stare down at him, PRESTON bends and feels his pulse.

PRESTON: He's alive!

INT. SEA BASE FOUR. CORRIDOR.

The DOCTOR and TEGAN. The MYRKA halted a little way short of where the DOCTOR wants it to be.

Then it begins to advance slowly. It draws closer.

TEGAN: (urgent) Switch it on. Do it Doctor!

THE DOCTOR: Just a few more feet...

The MYRKA gathers itself and suddenly lunges forward, arm upraised, to swipe the DOCTOR. TEGAN screams.

The DOCTOR hits the switch and the ultra violet beams transfix the MYRKA from all angles. They shield their eyes.

The MYRKA jerks to a stop. A bubbling moan is heard, gaseous steam issues from its body. It blackens and topples over.

The DOCTOR and TEGAN move forward to stare down at it.

TEGAN: Is it dead?

THE DOCTOR: Quite.

INT. SEA BASE FOUR CORRIDOR.

ICTHAR, SAUVIX and the two COMPANIONS.

2nd COMPANION reacts to a whine from an instrument on his belt. They pause.

He takes it out, presses a switch and the whine cuts. He looks at ICTHAR.

2nd COMPANION: The Myrka is dead!

ICTHAR: (harsh) You are positive?

2nd COMPANION: Yes Icthar.

ICTHAR: The ape primitives are more resourceful than we thought. Sauvix, divert your warriors. We must take the bridge without delay.

SAUVIX nods and moves off.

INT. SEA BASE FOUR. COMPUTER BANK BAY.

VORSHAK looks down at the unconscious figure of MADDOX.

VORSHAK: Preston... damage assessment. (calls) Nilson!

NILSON appears from outside. He looks down at MADDOX then back to VORSHAK, oddly calm.

VORSHAK: Yes Nilson, sabotage.

NILSON: So it seems.

VORSHAK: (furious) You were in charge of the bridge man! How could you not know what was going on here?

PRESTON: (OOV) Commander!

VORSHAK moves forward to a recess.

He follows PRESTON's look.

Their POV: The body of KARINA.

VORSHAK's face hardens. He turns to NILSON.

VORSHAK: You'll answer to a court martial for this Nilson, I promise. But first you'll revive Maddox and de'condition him. I want him ready for synch up. We must signal HQ and quickly.

NILSON: We can't do that Commander.

VORSHAK: You'll do it...

He pauses. NILSON has a weapon levelled at him.

INT. SEA BASE FOUR. SECURITY CORRIDOR.

The DOCTOR and TEGAN moving away from the corridor.

TEGAN: Why should the Silurians be so anxious to take the bridge?

THE DOCTOR: It's the key to the base Tegan. Control the bridge and you control the proton missiles.

INT. SEA BASE FOUR. CORRIDOR INTERSECTION.

TURLOUGH, BULIC and two COMBAT MARINES come running up to the intersection.

They see SAUVIX and a group of Sea Devil WARRIORS appear and dive for cover.

COMBAT MARINE goes to fire, but is hit by a blast from SAUVIX's weapon.

BULIC waves TURLOUGH and the Marine back. They fire and dodging and twisting run back along the corridor.

SAUVIX and his WARRIORS sweep on.

INT. SEA BASE FOUR. BRIDGE COMPLEX.

VORSHAK and PRESTON moving out of the computer bank bay covered by NILSON. He closes the door.

VORSHAK: You and Solow. It makes sense now Nilson.

NILSON: Don't take it too hard Commander. Like you we were only doing our duty.

VORSHAK: Your mission?

NILSON: To cripple Sea Base Four.

VORSHAK: A dangerous game. It could trigger full scale war..

All react to the door opening. The DOCTOR and TEGAN come in.

The DOCTOR doesn't see at first.

THE DOCTOR: The Myrka is dead Commander...

NILSON has levelled the weapon at him.

NILSON: Over here Doctor. (to TEGAN) You too.

The DOCTOR looks at VORSHAK.

VORSHAK: (bitter) Do as he says Doctor. Our colleague Controller Nilson is an enemy agent.

Turns to Nilson.

VORSHAK: Think man! I beg you. Alert our people, yours and ours. They must be told what's happening here!

THE DOCTOR: Listen to him Nilson. The Silurians won't distinguish between friend and enemy. I told you. To them you're all the same. Ape primitives who will destroy them unless they destroy you first.

NILSON: (smile) I know what I'm doing Doctor.

INT. SEA BASE FOUR. CORRIDOR.

TURLOUGH, BULIC and combat GUARD pursued.

They run up to a door and burst through, then pause.

Covering them are SAUVIX and three WARRIORS.

COMBAT MARINE goes to fire but is struck down by a blast from a sea devil weapon.

TURLOUGH and BULIC relax.

SAUVIX stares at them menacingly.

INT. SEA BASE FOUR. BRIDGE COMPLEX.

NILSON covering the DOCTOR, TEGAN, PRESTON and VORSHAK.

VORSHAK: You know the situation Nilson. Before long the Silurians will have control of the base.

THE DOCTOR: Control of the proton missiles _____ Nilson!

NILSON: Missiles they can't fire Doctor. Maddox among other thinks has irreversibly rigged the computer to that effect.

THE DOCTOR: You can't count on that. Silurian technology predates yours by millions of years. If they intend to use those missiles, they have the means, I promise you.

NILSON: They won't have time Doctor. As soon as Ive gone the base will be attacked. Everything on it, including the Silurians, will perish.

The door to the computer bank bay bursts open and MADDOX appears, sick, swaying, a weapon in his hand.

MADDOX (wild): Nilson!

INT. SEA BASE FOUR. CORRIDOR.

SAUVIX and his group move through a door and immediately come under fire from a group of battered looking combat MARINES.

The Sea Devils fan out to attack them.

INT. SEA BASE FOUR. BRIDGE COMPLEX.

As before. MADDOX beginning to advance on NILSON.

MADDOX (wild): Murdering traitor... made me kill Karina. You're going to die Nilson.

NILSON has brought out his bleeper. As MADDOX raises the weapon, NILSON switches it on.

MADDOX freezes, trying to force himself to aim the weapon.

NILSON: I'm sorry Paul... I'm grateful for all your help.

MADDOX moans and makes a superhuman effort to resist the mind control and fire. The DOCTOR edges closer to NILSON.

NILSON: (contd) But your usefulness is at an end.

MADDOX makes a last effort to fire. As he does NILSON trips the frequency to full pitch.

MADDOX' face contorts and he falls.

PRESTON goes to him.

NILSON: Leave him! (PRESTON pauses) He's dead.

The DOCTOR hurls himself at NILSON. NILSON brings up the bleeper and catches him a blow to the side of the face.

Before the DOCTOR can recover, NILSON has moved to grab TEGAN and use her as a shield.

He presses the weapon to her head.

NILSON: Don't Doctor. Not if you don't want Tegan to die.

He starts to back out. TEGAN struggles. NILSON's face hardens, he's about to fire.

THE DOCTOR: No Tegan!

TEGAN falls still.

NILSON: I warn you Doctor. If you try to follow me she dies.

He moves out with TEGAN.

INT. SEA BASE FOUR. CORRIDOR INTERSECTION.

A couple of surviving combat MARINES retreating. They move into a lift.

Beat, and SAUVIX and his WARRIORS come running into view.

SAUVIX sees the lift indicator rising. He waves detailing his WARRIORS into two groups, both groups moving off in different directions.

INT. SEA BASE FOUR. BRIDGE COMPLEX.

PRESTON turns away from the console.

PRESTON: Nilson's right. The computer's completely snarled up.

The DOCTOR moves to pick up MADDOX' weapon.

VORSHAK: What are you doing?

THE DOCTOR: Going after Nilson.

Bleep from the console. VORSHAK moves over.

VORSHAK: Vorshak.

COMBAT MARINE's voice: There's not much more we can do sir. The Sea Devils have just breached the bridge perimeter.

VORSHAK: Where's Bulic and Turlough?

COMBAT MARINE's voice: Dead... or taken Commander.

Sound of firing. The line goes dead.

VORSHAK turns to look at the DOCTOR.

VORSHAK: I'm sorry Doctor.

THE DOCTOR: (steadily) As you said Commander. We took our chances with the rest of you.

He leaves.

INT. SEA BASE FOUR. CORRIDOR.

NILSON and TEGAN. As they approach a door it opens and a solitary Sea Devil appears. NILSON fires, and it falls. He pushes TEGAN past.

INT. SEA BASE FOUR. CORRIDOR.

The DOCTOR running down the corridor.

INT. SEA BASE FOUR. CORRIDOR.

ICTHAR and the two COMPANIONS plus an escort of SEA DEVILS

meet up with SAUVIX and some WARRIORS.

SAUVIX: The way to the bridge is cleared Icthar.

They sweep on.

INT. SEA BASE FOUR. CORRIDOR.

TEGAN and NILSON emerge into the corridor where the body of the MYRKA lies.

NILSON pauses to look down at it.

NILSON: A pity all the Doctor's efforts were to no avail.

TEGAN: You haven't got away yet.

NILSON grins and goes to push her forward.

TEGAN suddenly grabs his arm and pulls him off balance.

NILSON lunges forward. TEGAN sidesteps and trips him up.

About to run off when she hears the sound of firing and running footsteps.

She pauses, in a flash NILSON has recovered to move forward and grab her.

He pulls her into a room off the corridor.

INT. SEA BASE FOUR. CORRIDOR.

THE DOCTOR, hears sounds of firing and running footsteps. He dodges into an alcove and vanishes from sight.

A beat and a wounded combat MARINE comes into view.

He runs panting past the DOCTOR. A beat and two Sea Devils appear at the other end.

They fire and chase on after him not seeing the DOCTOR.

The pursuit fades. The DOCTOR emerges and moves on.

INT. SEA BASE FOUR. CORRIDOR.

THE DOCTOR emerges into the corridor where the MYRKA lies up ahead.

He pauses and moves on slowly, his senses alert.

He passes the door behind which NILSON has taken TEGAN and spots it closing fractionally.

He draws level with the ultra violet convertor.

The door behind him opens and NILSON emerges, using TEGAN as a shield.

NILSON: That's far enough!

The DOCTOR turns to face them. Beat.

NILSON: You were very foolish to follow me Doctor. Throw down the weapon.

The DOCTOR tosses the weapon away.

THE DOCTOR: You're going to have problems getting off the base you know.

NILSON: Just two more corridors. From there I use the emergency entry to the probe bays. I'll make it...

THE DOCTOR: Let Tegan go. She's of no use to you now.

NILSON: (smiles) Quite so.

Pushes TEGAN forward to join the DOCTOR.

NILSON: You're an extremely dangerous man Doctor. Much too dangerous to leave alive.

The DOCTOR inches closer to the ultra violet convertor on the floor and against the wall.

THE DOCTOR: Killing us won't get you away any easier Nilson.

NILSON: I'll take the risk Doctor.

THE DOCTOR: (stalling) Can you Nilson? You fire and every Sea Devil warrior in the area will come running here.

NILSON raises the weapon to fire.

NILSON: Goodbye Doctor.

The DOCTOR suddenly dives and trips the switch on the convertor. The area of the corridor where they are fills with blinding light.

NILSON reels, his eyeballs seered. The DOCTOR jumps, grabs TEGAN and bustles NILSON aside.

Blinded, NILSON fires, missing them. By the time he's recovered they've gone.

He hesitates, deciding whether to go after them or not. Decides not, and runs on rubbing his eyes. He goes through the door at the end.

INT. SEA BASE FOUR. CORRIDOR.INTERSECTION.

NILSON still rubbing his eyes moves up to the intersection.

As he rounds it he jerks to a stop.

His POV: slightly blurred outlines of SAUVIX and a group of Sea Devil WARRIORS.

They pause, staring at NILSON.

NILSON groans and brings up his weapon to fire.

A blast from one of the Sea Devils weapons hits him and he falls.

INT. SEA BASE FOUR. CORRIDOR.

THE DOCTOR and TEGAN running. They pause and listen for sounds of pursuit.

Nothing, just eerie quiet.

THE DOCTOR: Quiet.

TEGAN: Too quiet. A pity we had to let that Nilson get away.

THE DOCTOR: If he did get away.

They move on.

TEGAN: Is there any word about Turlough?

THE DOCTOR: Yes and it's not good. (looks at her) We might have to expect the... worst there Tegan.

TEGAN stops.

TEGAN: What do you mean?

THE DOCTOR: If the Sea Devils are taking prisoners then he may be safe... if not... well, let's hope that his fine old instinct for survival has seen him through.

He moves on followed by TEGAN.

INT. SEA BASE FOUR. CORRIDOR.

THE DOCTOR and TEGAN move up to the bridge and go inside.

INT. SEA BASE FOUR. BRIDGE COMPLEX.

Inside the DOCTOR and TEGAN pause, reacting strongly.

VORSHAK, PRESTON are covered by the weapons of Four Sea Devil WARRIORS.

By the console the two COMPANIONS. The weapons shift to cover TEGAN and the DOCTOR.

Beat, and the door to the computer bank bay opens and ICTHAR comes out. He stops to stare at the DOCTOR.

ICTHAR: Take them!

The Sea Devils move forward to grab TEGAN and the DOCTOR and push them alongside VORSHAK and preston.

VORSHAK: Too late Doctor.

The DOCTOR nods grimly, his eyes on ICTHAR. Something about the Silurian leader bugging him.

The door to the bridge complex opens and SAUVIX comes in and up to ICTHAR.

He salutes.

SAUVIX: Resistance has been crushed. The base is yours Icthar.

The DOCTOR reacts, his eyes going to ICTHAR.

THE DOCTOR: Icthar!

HOLD

END EPISODE THREE.